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(57) Abstract

A system and method of selecting and switching among multiple sequential data streams operate without interruption in output. Elements of the data streams are stored in a buffer to cover seek times when switching among data streams, or to cover interleave gaps in embodiments employing interleave techniques. Alternative embodiments employ alternative techniques for loading the buffer.

